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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A laundry drier dryer control method comprising steps of: initiating a drying procedure;

measuring a temperature variation rate per unit time over the drying procedure;

calculating an overall drying time based on the measured temperature variation rate per unit time; and

performing the drying procedure for the calculated overall drying time.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[1]] 5, wherein said calculating step is repeated if a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate is detected.
- 3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature variation rate is 1°C per minute.
 - 4. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: measuring a plurality of temperature variation rates.

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5. (New) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

determining whether there is a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate as a function of the plurality of measured temperature variation rates.